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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY, 1874.

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PRICE 24 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

Feb. 23, Elias, German bark, 350. P. A. Hansen, Cardiff October 2d, Coals—Order.

Departures.

Feb. 24, DENTALIS, srt., for East Coast. Feb. 24, CHINCIANS, srt., for Shanghai. Feb. 24, EGRIA, srt., for Saigon. Feb. 24, RUS. cor. ASCOLD, for Bangkok.

Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE. FEBRUARY 24th. Patroclus, srt., for Shanghai.

Passengers.

For Douglas, srt., for East Coast—For Swanson, srt., for Hobart. For Amoy, Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien, Messrs. Blford and Donisthorpe, and 100 Chinese.

Reports.

The German bark *Elias* reports left Cardiff on the 8th October had severe gales from S.W. and W.S.W.; from these light winds from West and N.W. got the N.E. trades with 30 fms. of swell on the 9th of November in long. 27°30' W., moderate N.E. trades; passed the meridian of the Cape of Good Hope, in lat. 39°50' m., down the Easting in same lat. had fine weather and moderate breezes; passed between St. Paul's and Amsterdam on the 27th of December; sighted the Straits of Sandalwood Island on the 20th of January; cleared the Straits of Dampier on the 20th of February; passed Batavia Island on the 20th of February.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.

(Corresponded to Date.)

Vessel's Name *From* *Dates*

Ingoborg Cardiff Sept. 23

M. A. Holman Cardiff Oct. 12

Leemans Cardiff Oct. 20

Chanel Queen Cardiff Oct. 28

Palma Hamburg Nov. 1

Sedus Hamburg Nov. 2

Fideia Bergen Nov. 5

Dervent London Nov. 18

Antipodes Cardiff Nov. 19

Alvania London Dec. 2

Kate Currie London Dec. 3

Swiftsure London Dec. 15

Lydia Newcastle Dec. 26

Osaka London Dec. 30

Balavia Cuxhaven Dec. 30

Yorkshire (s) London Jan. 6

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

LOST.

A SMALL Blue and White Japanese BITCH, \$5 reward will be paid to any one bringing it No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on 21st Hongkong, 24th February, 1874.

NOT READY.

THE "CHRONICLE & DIRECTORY" For 1874. Apply at THE DAILY PRESS OFFICE, HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of the rate of 15 per cent. per annum, or \$3 per share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this day, will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after WEDNESDAY next, the 21st instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Company for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO.

General Agents,

114 Hongkong, 17th January, 1874.

THE INDO-CHINESE SUGAR COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified, that a Dividend of 10% on the \$100 Shares of the Assets of a Association of the Chinese to the Sum of Twelve Dollars and Fifteen Cents per share is payable on the 31st December current, at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum will be charged on all Calls paid after that day.

By order,

A. NOEL BLAKEMAN,

Secretary,

At 2000 Hongkong, 10th December, 1873.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

INCORPORATED A.D. 1858.

Court of Administration.

JOHN BENDERBERG GOSS, ERNST NOLING & CO., LTD. & CO., WAGENHOFER & KEGG, F. LARIZZ, MANN, O. L. WOERNER,

Managing Director—C. PEGGER.

Agents at Hongkong—MELCHERS & CO.

THE Company, disposing of a Capital of \$2,000,000,000, according to the terms of its Articles of Association, to the Sum of Two Millions of Dollars and Fifteen Cents per share, is payable on the 31st December current, at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, prepared to accept Bills to the extent of \$65,000, and Policies will be granted by the Undersigned at the current local rates, subject to a discount of 2%.

MELCHERS & CO.

At 90 Hongkong, 14th January, 1874.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance as follows—

MAINE RISKS.

Policies granted on First-class Buildings to an extent of \$20,000.

A DISCOUNT of TWENTY PER CENT. (20%) upon the current local rates will be allowed on all premium charged for insurance; such discount being deducted at the time of the issue of policy.

R. S'ELLE & CO.

Agents, 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

NOTICE.

THIS Association has declared a DIVIDEND of 10% to Policy Holders for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1873, of 22 per cent. on the net premium contributed, which is payable at our office, or after this date.

Policy Holders are requested to send in particulars of their contributions.

R. J. RUSSELL & CO.

Agents, 1627 Hongkong, 8th December, 1873.

NOTICE.

FORMERLY Organist of St. Andrew's Cathedral, and Director of Music in the German Club, "Feuerth," at Singapore.

Lessons given in SINGING, PIANO,

ORGAN, VIOLIN, and on any other instrument.

Piano-forte Tuning done on moderate terms.

For Engagements, &c., please address, Mrs. LANE, CLEWCORD & CO., or Messrs. KREUZ & CO.

Agents,

162 Hongkong, 2d February, 1874.

Banks.

COMPTOIR DES COMPTES DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED by National Decrees of 7th and 8th March, 1848, and by Imperial Decree of 25th July, 1854, and 31st December, 1865.

RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1862.

FRANCE 2 Sterling.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$20,000,000 3,000,000

RESERVE FUND 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE—14 Rue Bergere, Paris.

BRITISH—14, Queen's Street, E.C.

AMERICAN—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Rouen, Brussels, Alexandria, Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, Shanghai, Siam, Saint Denis (Ile de la Reunion) and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS—UNION BANK OF LONDON.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On current deposit accounts at the rate of 2% per annum on the monthly minimum of 25, subject to 15 days' notice of withdrawal, and 3% subject to one month's notice.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

For 3 months 3% per annum.

" 6 " 4% "

" 12 " 5% "

A. PHILIPPE,

Acting Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, 2d Floor, Hongkong, 2d June, 1873.

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412, CANT. ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

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THE TICHBORNE TRIAL.

146TH DAY.—2ND JANUARY, 1874.
Once again the day passed smoothly and almost without interruption. The learned Doctor commenced his summary of "the military head of evidence" by arguing that the defendant had solicited his "son-in-law" Martin, who, in the course of his life, had had a "rough-backed horse." How could the defendant have known this unless he were in truth Roger Tichborne?

NOT WITHSTANDING.—A lost temper. The mad who knows not how to be generous, is seldom just.

Even if, any repeat, of their silence, many of the trials of lawyers are tried with the obstinacy of stones.

PROSECUTION NOTES.—Tearing the fiddle before the performance commences.

Indolence is a stream which flows slowly on, but yet undermines the foundation of every virtue.

Some of the fashionable church singing is destined to be done upon the high-backed principle.

GRATITUDE.—The truly grateful heart can only be told of gratitude, but it can feel, and love, and act.

Marguerite Diblanc, who was convicted of the manslaughter of Madame Milner, in Paris, on the 7th of April, 1872, was just tried in prison.

A widow replied to a sympathizing witness at the funeral of his wife. "Well, yes, sir, I shall miss her; she was a very expensive woman."

It is a young lady witness a young gentleman to kiss her, who papers would not mention?—No Spectator, no Observer, but as many Times as you please.

It has been decided to exhibit the Exhibition building of Vienna, in a Museum and Palace of Industry, on the model of the Crystal Palace at Sydenham.

CHILDREN expect the truth; and, if they find themselves deceived, it is not only shaken their confidence in others, but they, being very apt scholars, will soon learn to lie and deceive too.

Mr. Charles Oppenheim has published a lecture on the "History of the English Monarchs" in the "Historical Victoria Memorial of the Prince Consort," although it has been generally supposed to have been his gift, and that the name of the donor is as much a secret to him as to the public.

A SIGHT OBSTACLE.—A nicely dressed gentleman applied for a marriage license, but when he mentioned the lady's name, the police constable, who suggested that he should be more modest, said, "All I can say is, he is a good man."

But then it must be remembered that he is not some other party, as the one mentioned learned Doctor, that the old man had taken place.

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"And do you know, sir, he believed it?"

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Extracts.

"TWO THAT SLEEP, AND ONE THAT WATCHETH."

[SUGGESTED BY THE PICTURE BY S. SOUTON.]

"Could ye not watch one hour?" The hour is long. And the chill air is dreary, and they sleep. Two; but one sleeps not; he whose love was great, And who was greatly loved, his watch will keep. The stars are clear, but not to their eyes. To watch with patience from their patient light, Still on the earth to keep his stedfast sight. And bid to watch, so watches for surprise.

To see his Master's agony, that drew That sweat of blood; to hear that cry of woe. Thus with these three precious gifts of Heaven, Hope sleeps, and Faith may sleep, but the love Who really love, nor sleep nor slumber know.

T. W. BOURNEM.

ITALIAN VILLAGES.

An Italian village is simply a miniature Italian city, and its various parts imply a town of fifty times the size. At Genoa there are neither dahlias, nor lilies, and no odours but foul ones. Flowers and perfumes are all confined to the high walled precincts of Duke Cesare, to which you must obtain admission twenty miles away. The houses, on the other hand, would generally locate at New England cottage, porch and garden and high-arched basements, in one of their cavernous basements. These vast gray dwellings are all of a fashion, denoting more generous social needs than any they serve now-a-days. They seem to speak of better days, and of a fabulous time, when Italy was not shabby. For what follies are they doing penance? Through what melancholy stages have their fortunes ebbed? You ask these questions as you choose the shady side of the long blank street, and watch the hot sun glaring upon the dust-coloured walls, and pausing before the fatal gloom of open doors.—*Atlantic Monthly.*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SPANISH.

Recklessness of life and of suffering, whether with regard to human beings, or to the lower animals, is too common in Spain. It is not exactly cruelty, for I don't think even Spanish boys torment merely for the sake of tormenting—they are simply perfectly careless about it. If their amusement or advantage is served by cruelty, nobody has any scruples on the subject.

This peculiarity of character explains the otherwise incomprehensible barbarities of the Inquisition. It was not that they enjoyed looking at torture, but it did not give them any pain to see it; they were resolved to extirpate heresy, and cared little or not at all by what means they attained their end. They had been made a prisoner. The old man, a young silk merchant of Nimes, was already beyond reach of danger, when he heard that his father had been made a prisoner. The old man, who was seventy-eight, could not climb as the others had done, and the soldiers had taken him and were leading him away. The son, who knew that his father would be sentenced to the galleys for life, immediately determined, if possible, to rescue him from this horrible fate. He returned to the group of soldiers who had his father in charge, and asked them to take him prisoner in his place. On their refusal, he seized his father and drew him from their grasp, insisting upon their taking him instead. The sergeant in command at first refused to adopt this singular substitution; but, conquered at last by the tears and prayers of the son, he liberated the aged man and accepted Jean Fabre as his prisoner.

Jean Fabre was first imprisoned at Nimes; where he was prevented seeing any of his friends, including a certain young lady to whom he was about shortly to be married. He was then transferred to Montpellier to be judged; where, of course, he was condemned, as he expected, to be sent to the galleys for life. With this dreadful prospect before him of separation from all that he loved—from his father, for whom he was about to suffer so much; from his betrothed, who gave up all hope of ever seeing him again—and having no prospect of being relieved from his horrible destiny, his spirits failed, and he became seriously ill. But his youth and Christian resignation came to his aid, and he finally recovered. After he had been imprisoned for some years, a circumstance happened which more than anything else exasperated his sufferings. The young lady to whom he was engaged had an offer of marriage made to her by a desirable person which her friends were anxious that she should accept. Her father had been struck by paralysis, and was poor and unable to maintain himself as well as his daughter. He hoped that she should give up Fabre, now hopelessly imprisoned for life, and accept her new lover. Fabre himself was consulted on this subject; his conscience was appealed to, and he did decide. It was only after the bitterest struggle that he determined on liberating his betrothed. He saw no prospect of his release, and why should he sacrifice her? Let her no longer be bound up with his fatal fate, but be happy with another if she could. The young lady yielded, though not without great misgivings. The day for her marriage with her new lover was fixed; but, at the last moment, she relented. Her faithfulness and love for the heroic galley-slave had never been shaken, and she resolved to remain constant to him, to remain unmarried if he died, or to wait for his liberation until death!—*From "The Huguenots in France."*

INSURANCES.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agent of the above Company at this Port,

are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to

the extent of \$50,000 on Buildings, or on Goods

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